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at the foot, bustling to know "how the guid Madam fan hersel?" and terrified at the idea of entering the streets alone, she asked the good creature to accompany her.

"Troth that I will, an welcome," returned Janet, "though the guid God kens, I wad e'en be o' sma' sarvice, gin onie ane sud meddle to hairm ye!"

To be continued in our next.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

IN the course of my reading, I lately met with the following maxims, extracted from a late French publication, entitled Maxims and Reflections on different subjects, both moral and political, by M. de L***. They appear to be founded on an enlightened experience. A READER.

MAXIMS.

1. Treat Fortune as you would do a bad soil: do not disdain the harvest, however small it may prove.

2. The events foreseen by intelligent minds generally occur: but fortune always reserves two secrets, the epoch and the means.

3. Attracted by novelty, but still the slave of habit, man spends his life in desiring change, and at the same time he is continually sighing after repose.

4. *Ennui* is a malady for which labour is the remedy: pleasure is merely a palliative.

5. Baseness always endeavours to degrade that, which on the part of men is the most noble to confer, and the most pleasant to receive....well-merited praise.

6. Your greatest enemy is not always he to whom you may have done an ill office, for he may be generous: but if you have been offended by a coward, be assured that he will ever attempt your destruction, for he is afraid of your resentment, and fear never pardons.

7. Virtue is the triumph of generosity over interest.

8. Honour is the offspring of courage and of vanity.

9. Listen to counsel and brave criticism.

10. The great difficulty in education consists in keeping children under due submission, without at the same time degrading their characters.

11. The spirit of domination is first disclosed in early infancy, it diminishes during youth, and never returns during old age, but along with its other weaknesses.

12. The self love of fools is an excuse, but not a justification for that of men of sense.

13. When by any accident, flattery does not succeed, it is not its fault, but that of the flatterer.

14. The pride of men of birth would be the most foolish and insupportable species of vanity, were it not for the pride of upstarts.

15. My good friends, are you sure that ten years hence you will be able to recollect the names of all your present friends?

16. Fear and hope divide life; pleasure and sorrow occupy but a few moments of it.

17. What inconsistency! men are conducted even to death through fear.

To the Editor of the Belfast Magazine.

SIR,

READING the travels of Mr. Townsend, in Spain, the other day, the following passage struck me as forcibly applying to, and as clearly throwing light on the affairs of this country, as well as containing valuable hints on education, that I have copied it out, and send it for insertion to your very useful publication. I leave your readers to make their own comment, and I request them not to do so, without previous and dispassionate reflection. I am your humble servant, EUMENES.

"When I directed my course towards Salamanca, it was with a view of paying a visit by appointment to the Marquis of Oviedo; but unfortunately for me, when I arrived, I found he was detained by illness at Madrid; this disappointment was the more vexatious because I had no letters, nor any prospect of being introduced. I ventured however to present myself to Doctor Curtis, President of the Irish College, who received me with politeness, took me under his protection, and during my ten days abode at Salamanca considered me as part of his family (the situation is then described, and Mr. T. goes on) The church is in common to both